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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 71L0528.WO6	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/IB2004/003323	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 12 October 2004 (12.10.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 30 October 2003 (30.10.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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- This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
- This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/IB2004/003323

International filing date (day/month/year)
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30.10.2003

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F16G13/06, F16G13/18, F16G13/10, B62M9/00, B62M9/02

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	2-30
	No: Claims	1
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-30
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-30
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-0 494 670

(SHIMANO INC) 15 July 1992 (1992-07-15)

D2: US-A-3 093 235

(IMSE PHILIP J) 11 June 1963 (1963-06-11)

D3: US-A-5 322 483

(WANG ET AL) 21 June 1994 (1994-06-21)

D4: JP 60 093017 A

(HITACHI SEISAKUSHO KK) 24 May 1985 (1985-05-24)

D5: US-A-1 945 357

(PIERCE HAROLD S) 30 January 1934 (1934-01-30)

D6: US-A-2 277 915

(KLAUCKE HERMANN) 31 March 1942 (1942-03-31)

D7: EP-A-0 666 434

(SACHS INDUSTRIES S.A.) 9 August 1995 (1995-08-09)

- 2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 discloses in fig. 3 and 4 (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

An articulated chain for drive transmission in bicycles, comprising:

- ◆ a plurality of external links (12a) each of which exhibits at least a first external plate (12a) having a first end and a second end, and a second external plate (12a), parallel to the first external plate (12a) and having a first end and a second end;
- ◆ a plurality of rotation pivots (14) interpositioned between the first external plate (12a) and the second external plate (12a) of each external link (12a) in positions at the first ends and the second ends of the respective first external plate (12a) and the second external plate (12a);
- ◆ a plurality of internal links (12b), each of which internal links (12b) exhibits at least

- a first internal plate (12b) having a first end and a second end and a second internal plate (12b), parallel to the first internal plate (12b) and having a first end and a second end;
- ◆ a plurality of bushes (12) interpositioned between the first internal plate (12b) and the second internal plate (12b) of each internal link (12b) at the first ends and the second ends thereof, each of the rotation pivots (14) being inserted coaxially into a bush (15) of the plurality of bushes (15), for defining an alternating succession of the external links (12a) and the internal links (12b) which are rotatably and consecutively connected about respective main rotation axes;
 - ◆ each of the plurality of bushes (15) defining, with a respective pivot (14), a spherical coupling surface for allowing a rotation between an internal link (12b) and an adjacent external link (12a), about a perpendicular axis to the main rotation axis, wherein it comprises anti-rotation elements (17) which reduce a possibility of rotation with respect to an alignment direction of each pair of links being an internal link (12b) and an external link (12a).
- 3 Dependent claims 2-30 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see documents D1-D7 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

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